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1. FOLLOWING ARE IPS REPORTER'S INFORMAL HIGHLIGHTS OF
FONMIN JOBERT'S UN PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 11. IN IT HE
COMMENTS ON US "STRATEGY"," THE EEC, THE UK AND THE FRG.

2. QUOTE

HEREWITH HIGHLIGHTS ONLY -

KISSINGER "GREAT STRATEGY" VIS A VIS THE SPECIAL SESSION
JOBERT SAID NEXT STEP IS NOT A MATTER FOR THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE. "I DONT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT." HE SAID
HE IS WATCHING WITH GREAT INTEREST "CERTAIN BARTER AGREEMENTS
GOING ON" AFTER SO MUCH FUSS AND FUROR TOOK PLACE AT THE RECENT
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ABOUT THE FACT THAT FRANCE WAS ENTERING
INTO A NUMBER OF BARTER AGREEMENTS OF VARIOUS KINDS.
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE-- REFERRING TO STATEMENTS HE MADE LAST
JULY IN COPENHAGEN, HE SAID "WE HAVE A GOOD ALLIANCE; LETS
HANG ON TO IT." THAT IS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT VIEW.

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WE ARE FAITHFUL TO THE ALLIANCE AND WE ARE TRYING TO BE FAITHFUL TO

ALL OF OUR ALLIANCES, BUT WE ADVISE EVERYONE NOT TO BE TOO INTERPERATE"... HOWEVER LEGITIMATE PROBLEMS MAY BE, HE SUGGESTED THEY WONT BE SETTLED QUICKLY. NIXON DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES IN PARIS -- HE SAID IT WAS NOT FOR HIM TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF EFFECT OF NIXONS VISIT THERE. IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY PROGRESS IN THE NIXON BILATERALS IN PARIS, HE SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE "TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT". RELATIONS BETWEEN FRENCH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS -- HE CITED THE IMPORTANT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE TWO DURING THE LUXEMBOURG MEETING. " WE REALLY HAVE TO EVOLVE PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS, MANIFESTOS AND CREDOS, CONCRETE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS" TO RESPOND TO OBVIOUS NEEDS, AND " THERE WILL BE PROGRESS IN THE COMMUNITY AND PROGRESS FOR GREAT BRITAIN..." OUTLOOK FOR THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SESSION -- HE HAS TWO INITIAL IMPRESSIONS: (1) IN CERTAIN SPEECHES THERE WAS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION THAT IS NOT TOO ENCOURAGING (2) AND A PURELY POLITICAL ELEMENT WAS OFFERED THAT SEEMED "SLIGHTLY POLEMICAL." HE HOPES IN THE SPEECHES AT THE SESSION THERE WILL BE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS. THERE ARE MORE THAN 100 SPEAKERS AND OUT OF ALL THE SUGGESTIONS SHOULD COME A PLAN OF ACTION IN 1974. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO TALK TO EVERYONE EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION; IT IS BETTER THAN FIGHTING. IF THE ASSEMBLY SUCCEEDS IN ARRIVING AT A PANORAMA OF ACTION HE THINKS THE UN WILL HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN 1974. THE UN SERVES AS THE PLACE WHERE ALL NATIONS CAN COME TOGETHER AND TALK AND TRY TO AVOID CONFLICTS. MIDDLE EAST, GENEVA CONFERENCE -- FRANCE DOESNT WISH TO QUARREL WITH ANYONE TO OBTAIN VOICE IN CONFERENCE. WHEN SOMETHING DEVELOPS, THEN IT IS UP TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING FRANCE, TO PARTICIPATE. FRENCH POLITICS -- HE WOULD NOT FORECAST WHAT WILL HAPPEN AS TO THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF FRANCE OTHER THAN TO NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A RUN-OFF ELECTION IN HIS VIEW. IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY --(JOBERT AND SCHEEL SPEECHES -- JOBERT SAID TWO STATEMENTS REPRESENT THE UNITY OF THE 9 COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES NOT ON THE BASIS OF EITHER TO ONE BUT AS 9 COUNTRIES WORKING TOGETHER. UNCLASSIFIED

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HE NOTED A WHOLE PART OF THE SCHEEL SPEECH HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE NINE BEFORE IT WAS DELIVERED. IN ONE PART THERE IS "A PERFECT CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS;" IN OTHER PARTS THERE ARE "PECULIAR GERMAN" POSITIONS STATED. BOUMEDIENNE/JOBERT SPEECHES -- WHILE BOUMEDIENNE PLACED THE WHOLE SESSION IN THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONTEXT, JOBERT TRIED TO MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND TO REFLECT ALL THE MOST IMMEDIATE CONTINGENCIES. MANY PROPOSALS IN THE TWO SPEECHES ARE

SIMILAR, BUT JOBERT FEELS THEY REACH DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS
VERY OFTEN. WHERE BOUMEDIENNE PUTS ALL EMPHASIS ON NEEDS
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, JOBERT TRIED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THE PROBLEMS OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, AS "WE ENTER
A NEW EPOCH." GOVERNMENTS SHOULD COME OUT OF THE RUT OF 20 YEARS.
REACTION TO HIS SUGGESTION IN YESTERDAY'S SPEECH ON ESTABLISHING
WORLD MARKET FOR GRAINS AND ENERGY - IT IS TOO EARLY TO
HAVE REACTIONS, HE SAID, BUT PEOPLE SEEMED VERY INTERESTED
IN THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE SPEECH AND HAVE INDICATED
THEY WILL STUDY IT. THERE ARE MANY MONTHS AHEAD TO SET UP
A MARKET ORGANIZATION WITH RULES...
EFFECT OF DISARMAMENT AND SPACE PROGRAMS VIS A VIS DEVELOPMENT -
IN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR MANY YEAR, JOBERT SAID EVERYONE
HAS APPEALED FOR TOTAL DISARMAMENT, AND THAT IS THE VIEW OF HIS
GOVERNMENT.
OVERPOPULATION - HE REFERRED BACK TO HIS SPEECH SAYING HE HOPES
PEOPLE WILL BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE URGENT QUESTIONS
OF THE DAY, AND THE CONSEQUENCES THAT FLOW FROM OVER-POPULATION,
THE STRAIN ON RESOURCES. EVERYONE MUST MAKE AN EFFORT "IN
CONCRETE AREAS" TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

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